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SUBJECT

1. Construction of Military Roads
2. Airfield near Orel
3. Aircraft

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1. The Russians are building large underground constructions for airplanes, artillery, and supplies in Kaliningrad (Königsberg).
2. A former German PI who was employed on the project until September 1946 reports the construction of a new road from Stalingrad to Rostov, another from Stalingrad to Astrakhan, and another from Stalingrad to Moscow. These roads are patterned after the German Autobahnen and have bunkers and "modern tank constructions" at the side. 25X1A
The Moscow-Stalingrad and Stalingrad-Astrakhan roads may be part of the Moscow-Baku project.)
3. From September 1945, PWs from a camp near Orel worked on a new road from Kursk to Orel. A completely new road is to go from Moscow through Tula, Orel, Kursk, Kharkov to Odessa. 25X1A
The Moscow-Kharkov section is reported to be open to traffic already.)
4. On the section on which informant worked, the project did not proceed very well until September 1946, and by that time leveling work had not been finished. The road was "as straight as a line" and natural elevations were cut through. It was 12 meters wide, with a heavy layer of granite stones. The top layer had not been added yet in any of the sections but was to consist of tarred crushed stone. Organization was poor and there were few tools and materials.
5. Preparations were made for underground depots in the road and in the natural elevations. Telephone cables were also laid down in the road, and special telephone stations with report and alarm signals were placed by the roadside. Informant saw these telephone installations in another section of the road about 10 km north of Orel, where the work was further advanced.
6. PWs did not work on the road during the winter but did reconstruction work in Orel, Kursk, and Kharkov. Fortifications and military barracks in these towns were repaired or rebuilt first.
7. About 50 km. west of Orel, halfway to Bryansk, there is a very large military airport equipped with fighters and bombers. Captured German flyers said that the Russians at Orel showed new fast types of planes in 1946. They explained to their fellow-prisoners that they were of a Heinkel type which had not yet been produced in large numbers in Germany.

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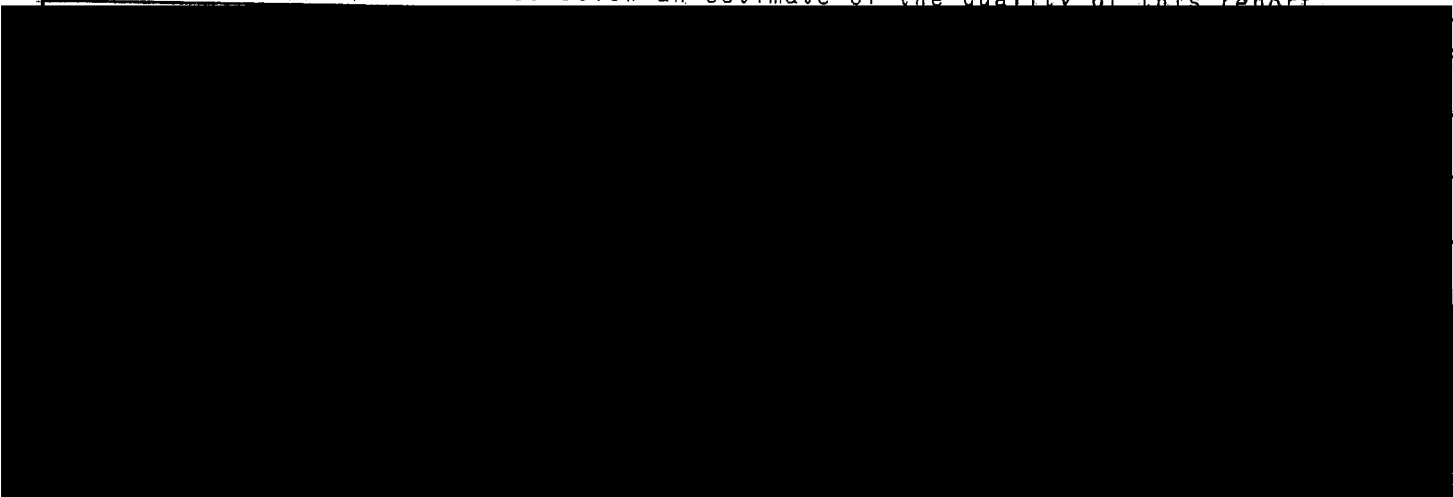
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